

# PetiteKnit

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## NOVICE CARDIGAN MINI – MOHAIR EDITION

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<b>Sizes:</b>	6-9 months (9-12 months) 1-2 years (2-3 years) 3-4 years (4-5 years) 5-6 years
<b>Bust circumference:</b>	61 (63) 64 (68) 69 (72) 75 cm [24 (24¾) 25¼ (26¾) 27¼ (28¼) 29½ inches]
<b>Length:</b>	33 (34) 36 (38) 40 (42) 44 cm [13 (13½) 14¼ (15) 15¾ (16 ½) 17¼ inches] measured mid back
<b>Gauge:</b>	21 stitches x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on 4 mm [US6] needles with 2 strands of silk mohair held together
<b>Needles:</b>	Circular needles: 3.5 mm [US4] and 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] Double-pointed needles: 3.5 mm [US4] and 4 mm [US6] unless the <i>Magic Loop</i> technique is used
<b>Materials:</b>	75 (75) 100 (100) 100 (125) 125-150 g Silk Mohair by Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) <b>or</b> Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) <b>or</b> Tilia by Filcolana (25 g = 210 m [230 yds]) <b>or</b> Brushed Lace by Mohair by Canard (25 g = 210 m [232 yds]). <i>Note: Two strands of yarn are held together throughout. The given yardage amounts are the total yardage needed.</i> 6 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 buttons (13-15 mm).

## **Before casting on**

Read the pattern through before starting. Don't be overwhelmed by all the instructions, you'll deal with each of them one at a time. Throughout the pattern the numbers correspond to the sizes 6-9 months (9-12 months) 1-2 years (2-3 years) 3-4 years (4-5 years) 5-6 years.

At [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com) you can find a small selection of videos showing some of the most used techniques. If there is one technique that isn't shown and that you have trouble figuring out, you can probably find a helpful video on YouTube that will guide you.

## **About gauge**

The Novice Cardigan Mini – Mohair Edition is knit with a gauge of 21 stitches per 10 cm [4 inches] in stockinette stitch. That means that you should have 21 stitches when measuring 10 cm [4 inches] in your knitted fabric. If there are more stitches per 10 cm [4 inches], your cardigan will end up smaller than the stated measurements. If there are fewer stitches per 10 cm [4 inches], your cardigan will be larger.

This is why it is always recommended to knit a gauge swatch before casting on (knit a gauge swatch by casting on 25 stitches and knitting approximately 12 cm [4¾ inches] of stockinette stitch). Wash and dry your swatch as you would your final garment, as soaking and drying (also known as blocking) may vary the final measurements of your gauge swatch.

If you have more than 21 stitches per 10 cm [4 inches], you should try switching to a needle that is 0.5 or 1 mm larger. If you have fewer stitches, you should try switching to a needle that is 0.5 or 1 mm smaller. Choose the needle size that gives you correct gauge, as this is the only way to ensure that the final measurements of your garment are the same than the ones stated in the pattern. Use a needle size 0.5 mm smaller for the ribbing or when indicated.

## PATTERN

The Novice Cardigan Mini – Mohair Edition is worked from the top down. This means that you begin by working the ribbed neck edge, then you work the yoke, then the body and finally the sleeves. The cardigan is worked in stockinette stitch, while the edges are worked in rib. The Novice Cardigan Mini – Mohair Edition has a round yoke, which is shaped by working 4 sets of increases evenly distributed along the yoke.

### Help with Techniques

On [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com) you will find videos of the techniques used in this pattern.

### About Increases

Making an increase means creating a new stitch. An increase is worked as follows (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Insert the left needle under the strand of yarn than runs between the stitches from back to front, lift the strand onto the left needle and knit it. This is an increase also known as M1R or make one right.

### Yoke

Cast on 56 (58) 60 (62) 64 (66) 70 stitches on the 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles with your preferred method.

Now work the rib neck edge by working 3 cm [1¼ inches] back and forth in rib (knit 1, purl 1).

Change to the 4 mm [US6] / 80cm [32 inches] circular needles by knitting the stitches onto the new needle.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a right side row.

Work increases on the next row as follows (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

\*Knit 2 stitches. Work an increase\*.

Repeat from \* to \* until there are 2 stitches left on the needle, knit 2 stitches.

There are now 83 (86) 89 (92) 95 (98) 104 stitches on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch (meaning you work knit stitches on right side rows and work purl stitches on wrong side rows) until the stockinette stitch section measures 2 cm [¾ inches], ending with a wrong side (purl) row.

Work increases on the next row (which is a right side row) as follows:

\*Knit 2 stitches. Work an increase\*.

Repeat from \* to \* until there are 3 (2) 3 (2) 3 (2) 2 stitches left on the needle, knit 3 (2) 3 (2) 3 (2) 2 stitches.

There are now 123 (128) 132 (137) 141 (146) 155 stitches on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until the entire stockinette stitch section measures 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 cm [2 (2) 2¼ (2¼) 2¼ (2¼) 2¼ inches], ending with a wrong side (purl) row.

Work increases on the next row (which is a right side row) as follows:

\*Knit 3 stitches. Work an increase\*.

Repeat from \* to \* until there are 3 (2) 3 (2) 3 (2) 2 stitches left on the needle, knit 3 (2) 3 (2) 3 (2) 2 stitches.

There are now 163 (170) 175 (182) 187 (194) 206 stitches on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until the entire stockinette stitch section measures 9 (9) 10 (10) 10 (11) 11 cm [3½ (3½) 4 (4) 4 (4¼) 4¼ inches], ending with a wrong side (purl) row.

Work increases on the next row (which is a right side row) as follows:

\*Knit 4 stitches. Work an increase\*.

Repeat from \* to \* until there are 3 (2) 3 (2) 3 (2) 2 stitches left on the needle, knit 3 (2) 3 (2) 3 (2) 2 stitches.

There are now 203 (212) 218 (227) 233 (242) 257 stitches on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until the entire stockinette stitch section measures 13 (13) 14 (14) 15 (16) 17 cm [5 (5) 5½ (5½) 6 (6¼) 6¾ inches], ending with a wrong side (purl) row.

You have now completed the yoke.

## **Body**

The body is worked back and forth on 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles. The stitches of the yoke are now divided for the sleeves and the body. You will let the stitches for the sleeves rest by placing them on hold on stitch holders or lengths of leftover yarn, so you can continue working only on the stitches for the body. You will also cast on new stitches for the underarms. All of this will be done on the next row (which is a right side row) as follows:

Knit 28 (29) 29 (32) 32 (33) 35 stitches (left front), put the next 44 (46) 48 (48) 50 (52) 56 stitches on hold (left sleeve), cast on 4 stitches using the backward loop method, knit 59 (62) 64 (67) 69 (72) 75 stitches (back), put the next 44 (46) 48 (48) 50 (52) 56 stitches on hold (right sleeve), cast on 4 stitches using the backward loop method, knit 28 (29) 29 (32) 32 (33) 35 stitches (right front) (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

There are now 123 (128) 130 (139) 141 (146) 153 stitches on the needles for the body.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch (knit across right side rows and purl across wrong side rows) until the cardigan measures a total of 29 (30) 32 (34) 36 (38) 40 cm [11½ (11¾) 12½ (13½) 14¼ (15) 15¾ inches] (measured from the cast-on edge at the neck) or to the desired length – try it on the child along the way, but keep in mind that the yarn requirements might increase if you decide to make it longer.

Change to 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles and work 4 cm [1½ inches] back and forth in rib (knit 1, purl 1), ending with a wrong side row. Bind off the stitches in established rib pattern from the right side (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

## Sleeves

The sleeves are worked one at a time on double pointed needles or circular needles 80 cm [32 inches] using the *Magic Loop* technique.

Slip the 44 (46) 48 (48) 50 (52) 56 resting sleeve stitches onto 4 mm [US6] needles. The sleeves are worked in the round as a tube. When dividing the stitches for body and sleeves, you cast on new stitches at the underarm – you will create new stitches in the same way here. Instead of casting on new stitches, you can also choose to pick up and knit stitches in the new stitches you already cast on for the body.

The sleeve is worked as follows (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Knit across all of the sleeve stitches on the needle. Pick up and knit or cast on with the backward loop method 4 stitches in the 4 stitches you cast on at the underarm on the body.

There are now 48 (50) 52 (52) 54 (56) 60 stitches on the needles for the sleeve. Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the new stitches at the underarm.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 14 (15) 19 (23) 26 (27) 28 cm [5½ (6) 7½ (9) 10¼ (10¾) 11 inches] from the underarm.

Now the number of stitches needs to be reduced before the rib at the cuff is worked. Change to 3.5 mm [US4] needles and reduce the number of stitches as follows:

\*Knit 1, knit 2 stitches together\*.

Repeat from \* to \* until there are 0 (2) 4 (4) 0 (2) 0 stitches left on the needle, knit 0 (2) 4 (4) 0 (2) 0 stitches.

There are now 32 (34) 36 (36) 36 (38) 40 stitches on the needles.

Work 4 cm [1½ inches] in the round in rib (knit 1, purl 1). Bind off the stitches in established rib pattern, not too tightly.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

## **Front Plackets**

The front plackets are worked from stitches that are picked up and knitted from the right side along the front edges of the cardigan. Pick up and knit approx. 2 stitches for every 3 rows all along the front edges, one edge at a time (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

Right Front Placket (with buttonholes):

Pick up and knit 59 (59) 69 (69) 75 (81) 81 stitches along the right front edge using 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles. *Note: The given number of stitches is only a guide. You can choose to pick up and knit 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 stitches more or 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 stitches less and have a stitch more or less between each buttonhole.*

Work 3 rows back and forth in rib (knit 1, purl 1).

Work buttonholes on the 4th row (which is a right side row) as follows:

Work 3 stitches in rib, knit 2 stitches together, work a yarn over.

\*Knit 8 (8) 10 (10) 9 (10) 10 stitches in rib, knit 2 stitches together, work a yarn over\*.

Repeat from \* to \* until there are 4 stitches left on the needle, work 4 stitches in rib. There are now a total of 6 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 buttonholes.

Work 3 rows back and forth in rib (knit 1, purl 1). Bind off the stitches in established rib pattern on the next row (which is a right side row).

Left Front Placket (without buttonholes):

Pick up and knit the same number of stitches along the left front edge as for the right front placket. Work 7 rows back and forth in rib (knit 1, purl 1). Bind off the stitches in rib on the 8th row (which is a right side row).

Sew on 6 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 buttons along the left front placket across from the buttonholes on the right front placket. Weave in all ends.



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